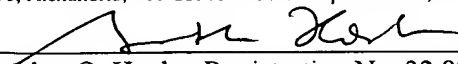


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Prior to the examination on the merits, please cancel without prejudice claims 1-11 and  
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